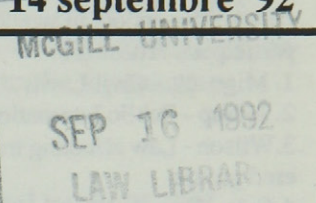


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## BIENVENUE AU QUID NOVI

**By Maaïke de Bie**  
**Rédactrice-en-chef**

Welcome back to those of us who have grown accustomed to the halls of Old Chancellor Day and most importantly, welcome to those who are experiencing it for the very first time.

I am pleased to be the editor-in-chief of the Quid Novi for the 1992-1993 academic year. The Quid Novi is the Law Faculty's weekly newspaper and all members of the Faculty are encouraged to contribute to it. The Quid

provides for an outlet for your creativity whether it be humour, critical comments or fictional musings...(perhaps an opportunity to express things you can't in the classroom). Of course, we also have a column for general announcements.

Nos bureaux sont situés à la même adresse que la Revue de droit, soit au 3661 Peel, juste de l'autre côté de la rue. Le processus de soumission demeure toutefois le même, et toute contribution devrait être laissée à notre attention dans notre casier postal au

bureau de l'AED.

This year the deadline for submissions to the Quid Novi will be 17:00 p.m. Monday. Please be advised that this deadline will be enforced - anything submitted after this time will not appear in the upcoming issue, but in the subsequent one. Exceptions will be made only in case of emergency, and this can be done by either contacting me at home or catching me in the halls of the Faculty.

L'équipe éditoriale du Quid attend avec impatience tous vos articles...

## WELCOME BACK!!!

**By Nathalie Goldin, Nat IV**  
**L.S.A. President**

As always, summer has come and gone like a flash. Before we all know it, we are back, reading articles like this one in the Quid Novi, having a hard time figuring out where the summer went. Well folks, we're back. Welcome to a brand new school year. I hope that all of your summers were filled with fun, relaxation, and many, many opportunities to "sleep in".

Over the summer, many students at the faculty worked very hard to make this year as smooth, action-packed and fun as possible. Members of the executive of the L.S.A. worked on redecorating the cafeteria, arranging with Dean Morrisette for a new smoking room and clubs room, and working on potential incorporation of the L.S.A. (more about this will be discussed in subsequent issues of the Quid). Moreover, our orientation committee

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANNONCES

**McGill/InterAmicus Human Rights Forum** - On Wednesday September 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Moot Court, the Honourable Kim Campbell, Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada, will inaugurate this year's series of Human Rights Forums. She will speak on "The Justice Agenda". Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Competitive Moots** - There are seven principal competitive moots in which McGill students can participate. These are:

1. Mignault - Civil Law
2. Jessup - Public International Law
3. Wilson - Law affecting traditionally disempowered groups
4. Gale - Criminal/Public Law
5. Laskin - Administrative Law
6. Rousseau - Public International Law (French)
7. Corporate and Securities.

Although all seven moots are worth 3 credits, only 6 of them shall be funded by the Faculty of Law and assigned a member of the faculty to supervise. Should you have any ideas as to which 6 of the 7 moots should be funded and supervised, please drop off a note to that effect in the President of the L.S.A. box, in the L.S.A. office by Friday, September 18th.

**Admissions Committee** - A position on the admissions committee has become available. Students in their final year of law school may apply for this appointment. Applications forms are available at SAO and must be remitted by Tuesday, September 15th. Interviews will be held on Wednesday, September 16th only. Please sign up for an interview

time in front of the LSA office. Remember: you must be finishing law school this year to be able to apply.

**Notarial Studies** - Students interested in qualifying as notaries in Québec are required to make an application for registration in the notarial course by the **1st of December 1992**. If you are interested, you can pick up the relevant information at the Students Affairs Office.

**Sélection pour les Tribunaux-École Compétitifs** - Des formulaires de demande pour les tribunaux-école sont maintenant disponibles au SAO. Ils doivent y être retournés dûment remplis avant **mercredi le 16 septembre à 17h**. La sélection des candidats sera effectuée, les **24 et 25 septembre entre 15h et 18h**, suite à la présentation d'une plaidoirie d'environ 10 minutes à partir d'un extrait de mémoire qui sera disponible au SAO. **lundi le 21 septembre**. Nous prions également les candidats de réserver le temps nécessaire pour présenter leur plaidoirie en s'incrivant sur la feuille affichée à cet effet au SAO. Pour tout autres renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec Tanya Golberg à la pièce 53 OCDH, entre 14h et 17h, ou au 398-6666, poste 6894.

**McGill Legal Info Clinic; Advocacy Program** - Applications are now being accepted from second, third, and fourth year law students wishing to act as advisors for students involved in discipline and grievance proceedings with the University. Applicants must be patient listeners, imaginative problem-solvers, and able to plead cases as well as hearings. An advocate can expect to do two cases during the academic year, each of which potentially requiring the preparation of a four to eight

page factum.

Applications should consist of a brief letter explaining why you are interested in and qualified for this kind of volunteer work. Curriculum vitae optional

Wednesday, September 23 is the deadline for applications, with interviews to be held on September 23 and 24. Please bring your applications to the Clinic, University Centre, B-20. For more information, contact Mark Piibe at 398-6792.

### Notes from SAO - LOCKERS :

1992-93 locker assignments are posted in the Cafeteria. Due to repairs in Area IV, some students will find it impossible to use their locker. Please be patient. Your locker should be available to you before the end of September.

SAO will assign lockers to those who do not yet have one as soon as repairs are complete. A list of names and locker numbers will be posted in the Cafeteria. Please check the board.

Don't forget, anyone occupying a locker illegally is likely to find their lock has been cut off and the contents removed!

Many lockers are old and simply wearing out. Please report only genuinely broken lockers to SAO. We will try to have them repaired.

**Mail:** Students expecting mail addressed c/o the Faculty should check the mail boxes in the SAO regularly.

## COMPUTER COMMITTEE

In addition to the information in our newsletter, which was included with the general information packet sent to you this Summer, we would like to announce that our general meeting will

be held Wednesday, September 16 at noon in the computer lab.

**Drew Bleau; LLB III**  
**Dan Shap; BCL III**

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phenomenal orientation week. All in all, many of our friends devoted a lot of their time over the summer to making the 1992-1993 year the best ever.

I encourage you all to keep up this tradition and to get involved. Life at Law school is only complete when you participate. Make this year the most fantastic year yet for you and for all of us.

Contribuez à la vie à la faculté c'est année pour qu'elle soie la meilleure pour nous tous. Je vous encourage à venir visiter le bureau de l'A.E.D. pour vous informer sur ce qui se passe dans la faculté, ou simplement pour nous rendre visite.

I look forward to a great year with all of you.

### **THE ABORIGINAL LAW ASSOCIATION OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY**

The association is composed of native and non-native law students who meet throughout the year, providing a forum to discuss legal issues affecting Aboriginal peoples.

In recent years the Association has organized conferences on such topics as: native self-determination, conflict resolution, natives and the justice system. Speakers have included native Manitoba MLA Elijah Harper, Grand Chief of the Cree (of Quebec) Mathew Coon-Come and Owen Young, defense lawyer (Oka trials).

A meeting will be held within the next few weeks, which will be announced in the *Quid Novi*. All students are welcome.

## **BLACK LAW STUDENTS CAUCUS**

The Black Law Students Caucus (BLSC) is an organisation affiliated with the National Black Law Students Association. The BLSC is in first full year of official operation having been founded earlier this year.

The BLSC seeks to raise the awareness of law students and the legal community at large to the problems facing minorities in dealing with the legal system as we know it. The BLSC attempts to do so by providing information on the plight of minorities, putting on lectures and seminars dealing with the problems faced and possible solutions and by actively lobbying for change within to current legal structure as the most effective means of correcting existing inequalities and injustices.

Furthermore, the BLSC is open to all law students of McGill law school past or present. To those interested in further information you may contact Marcia Green, Adelle Blackett (numbers in LSA student directory) or myself at 345-9498.

Edsel Mourillon; Nat. IV

## **GRADUATION COMMITTEE**

The Graduation Committee is organizing a photo session in October to take your picture for the yearbook and for the composite. The Grad Ball will be held at the end of the year. More info will be announced in the *Quid* throughout the year - stay tuned! Si vous avez des questions ou suggestions, ou si vous voulez participer à l'organisation de ces événements - appelez Véronique Malka ou Tina Hobday.

## **CAREER'S DAY COMMITTEE**

The final list of the 1992-1993 Career's Day Committee should be posted by the LSA office. The first meeting will be held sometimes this week.

Nous espérons organiser une Journée Carrières des plus intéressantes et invitons tous les étudiants ainsi que les membres de la faculté à participer activement.

Welcome back and we hope that everyone had a great summer.

Nancy Girard; BCL III  
Graham Gardner; BCL III  
co-chairpersons

## **FORUM NATIONAL**

Forum National sponsors several speakers each semester who address contemporary legal/political issues of interest in Canada and the international arena.

In the past, we have hosted Justices Lamer and LaForêt; Douglas Christie, and Jean-Louis Baudouin. This year we again hope to present a member of the Supreme Court of Canada amongst others.

Tout membre de Forum National est libre d'inviter des conférenciers intéressants. Si notre organisation vous intéresse nous vous encourageons à nous joindre.



## **LAW AREA LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Advisory Committee meets monthly to advise the Law Area librarian on policy and budget issues. It consists of the Law Area Librarian, the Dean, the Development Officer, a Chair person selected by the Dean, two students and several professors. It has no power to decide library policy or set its budget, but it may make recommendations.

Undergraduate Member, David Farrell;  
BCL III

## **WALK SAFE**

The Walk-Safe Network has a new structure this year. We are now a campus wide foot patrol!! Beginning in September six teams of two students per team (with at least one woman per team) will patrol the campus and surrounding areas from 6:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. six nights a week.

We will also continue to act as a walk home service. Teams will be in constant radio contact with the Walk-Safe dispatchers office in the Union building. For a walk home just call our office at 398-2498 and a team will pick you up from anywhere on campus, or stop a team if you see one near you and they will take you anywhere you need to go. Volunteers will be easily

recognizable by their portable radios and their Walk-Safe jackets.

Walk-Safe will also put extra teams on campus and for longer hours on the nights of special events. If your group or club is planning an event at night and you would like to ensure the safety of those using the campus after hours we would be happy to help.

Contact Fiona, Paul or Kathy at 398-2498 to make arrangements or if you have any questions.

## ***McGILL LEGAL INFO CLINIC***

Welcome Back! Though your thoughts may still be lost in Summer, we would like to invite you to volunteer your services for two hours a week this semester at the McGill Legal Information Clinic.

The clinic, located in the basement of the University Centre, is entirely run by students. We provide free legal information to McGill students, faculty and the Montréal community, as well as refer clients to services or lawyers that can help them further. The Clinic also represents students involved in grievance or disciplinary procedures with the University. Our publication branch, the Community Legal Information Press, produces manuals on various areas of Québec and Federal law.

La clinique est gérée par une équipe de six directeurs, aussi étudiants en droit.

Nous acceptons à titre de bénévole les étudiant(e)s de deuxième, troisième et quatrième années, tandis que nous encourageons ceux et celles de première années à nous visiter pour se familiariser avec la clinique.

Due to the recent large increase in students wanting to donate their time to the Clinic, we are offering for the first time this year, an alternative to answering phones. Students may choose to work with Sophie Perreault, our "Community Liaison", in preparing and presenting information seminars for community groups in the Montréal area. This project would require several hours at the Clinic, but the hours are more flexible than a regular shift at the clinic, and you would not be committed each week. Si cette alternative vous intéresse, faites-nous le savoir sur votre formulaire d'application pour la clinique (disponible au S.A.O.).

Les bénévoles de notre clinique acquièrent une expérience pratique importante, tout en offrant des services fondamentaux à la communauté. Votre temps et vos efforts seront grandement appréciés.

Watch for our introductory meeting on September 14th. We look forward meeting you.

Lucie Poirier  
Isabelle Choinière  
Mark Piibe  
Sophie Perreault  
Claudia Fuchs  
Margaret Wai

Directors.



## WOMEN AND THE LAW

## LAWYERS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSABILITY

The McGill caucus of Women and the Law, affiliated with the National Association of Women and the Law, helps provide a forum for the discussion and understanding of various women's issues. For example, speakers are arranged throughout the year to address diverse topics, including foreign domestic workers, spousal abuse, single parenting, and part-time educational/employment opportunities for women. Past events have also included film nights and fundraisers for local women's shelters and counselling services.

This year, Women and the Law hopes to continue to provide the female students of McGill with an avenue to express their views. In addition, the caucus recognises that "women's" issues are also SOCIAL concerns affecting women, men and children. The group therefore encourages ALL interested individuals to join in its activities, as this will enrich the discussions.

For more information you are invited to attend our general meeting, to be called within the first weeks of classes.

The Lawyer's for Social Responsibility (LSR) was formed in the mid-1980s to campaign on the issue of nuclear disarmament. It quickly grew into a national body of lawyers and law students. With the end of the "cold war" the McGill branch of the LSR has focussed its attention on a wider range of issues related to justice and peace both at home and abroad.

Our group plays an important educational role on campus consistently attracting provocative speakers to address the student body. Last year we presented the following seminars:

- \*Leaders from the Black Coalition of Quebec and the Black Community Council of Quebec spoke on the persecution of Montréal's black community by the police.

- \*Osgoode Hall Law School Professor Michael Mandel presented a Marxist critique of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

- \*A vice-President of the CSN labour federation discussed the national question and the labour movement in Quebec.

- \*A former republican political prisoner and torture victim from Northern Ireland discussed a BBC documentary screened by the LSR

on collusion between British state forces and loyalist death squads in Northern Ireland.

- \*Along with Women and the Law, we presented Queen's University law professor and LEAF activist Sheilah McIntyre on the subject of "Political Correctness".

This year we are planning a Fall conference on El Salvador and South Africa with representatives from the FMLN and ANC and a Winter Conference on human rights in Northern Ireland.

The LSR also plays an activist role organizing petitions and fundraisers for a variety of worthy causes.

We have always prided ourselves on being a fairly relaxed and informal bunch. We encourage all first year students to join us in making the coming school year a successful one for the LSR. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th. Keep an eye out for posters advertising the time and location of the meeting.

**Alan McConnell, LLB III**  
Acting President, LSR



## **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIA- TION DU DROIT DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT.**

Dear students,

On behalf of ELAM we wish to welcome you to the Faculty of Law. The environmental Law Association was founded in 1989 and has since played an active role in student life at the Faculty. Our goals are to increase environmental awareness amongst students and members of the Faculty as well as to make the Faculty more environmentally sound. Activities in previous years have included the staging of an important conference on the Great Whale Hydro Project, inviting practitioners to discuss career opportunities in environmental law and working with the main campus Waste Management Committee to encourage recycling and waste reduction at the Faculty.

Cette année, nous prévoyons plusieurs projets. La Faculté de Droit de concert avec l'ADEM et d'autres organismes prépare un colloque pluridisciplinaire consacré au déperissement de la couche d'ozone. Ce colloque aura lieu les 27, 28, et 31 octobre 1992 et traitera des aspects scientifiques, médicaux, commerciaux et juridiques de la question.

ELAM in conjunction with the Faculty bookstore is planning the sale of used texts and casebooks. We will also be making available recycled note paper. These will be available at the beginning of the semester at a separate booth at the Faculty bookstore. This project will serve two important functions.

Si vous êtes intéressé(e) à vous joindre à nous ou si vous désirez obtenir plus d'informations, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous au numéros ci-dessous. Nous espérons que vous participerez et nous serions très heureux de vous rencontrer cet automne afin de discuter de nos projets.

**David Perez, Co-président  
BCL III, 483-6751**

**Jennifer Griffith, Co-  
présidente  
LLB III, 284-6840**

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**By Mark Phillips; BCL IV**

If you have seen the attractive green and blue posters liberally posted around the Faculty, it's not because the administration has decided to paint the cafeteria and wallpaper the rest of the building. Rather, it's part of the Journal's annual recruitment campaign.

The McGill Law Journal is run by thirty students who make a two year commitment to the Journal. Every September, fifteen new

members are elected and become the "Associate Board" for their first year on the Journal. These same members become the "Senior Board" in their second year on the Journal.

Des quinze membres qui sont choisis chaque année, quatre deviennent membres du «comité de direction». L'administration d'une grande revue juridique n'est pas chose facile, et la Revue a toujours besoin de personnes dynamiques qui possèdent des connaissances en comptabilité ou en informatique, ou qui ont des idées originales pour le financement de la Revue.

«Ce qui l'on conçoit bien s'énonce clairement, et les mots pour le dire arrivent aisément.» On dirait que Boileau n'avait jamais lu les écrits de certains professeurs de droit! C'est pour cela que onze des quinze nouveaux membres de la Revue feront partie du «comité de rédaction». Les textes que la Revue accepte doivent souvent être retravaillés considérablement avant d'être compréhensibles. La clarté, la limpidité, la correction grammaticale et la beauté stylistique, voilà les qualités que notre équipe de rédaction espère atteindre.

While the recruitment process is already under way, we would encourage anyone interested in becoming a member of either the management board or the editorial board to contact the Journal as soon as possible. Feel free to call the Journal office in the basement of 3661 Peel (south door). Best wishes to everyone for a successful and enjoyable year!